

In an effort to keep the community informed about the former YMCA property located at 3244 East College Avenue, I would like to provide the community with an update. This update is provided as additional information since the last updates provided in May and June of 2016.

As reported by the Business Journal on May 5, 2016, a public community recreational center will occupy the former South Shore YMCA in Cudahy after the property was sold for \$1.135 million. The buyer was The Federation of Balkan American Associations, a nonprofit based in Clifton, N.J. Proceeds went to the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee creditors through a trust created during the YMCA Chapter 11 reorganization case. The property was placed in a bank trust administered by the YMCA's largest secured creditor, BMO Harris Bank.

On the evening of June 14, 2016, the City of Cudahy Plan Commission reviewed and approved the proposed principal use of a retail physical fitness center as submitted by the Federation of Balkan American Association. On the evening of January 19, 2016, the Common Council after holding a public hearing approved a staff submitted request to change the zoning from I-1 Institutional and C-1 Conversancy District Zoning to B-2 Community Business District Zoning. The proposal submitted and considered by the Plan Commission on the evening of June 14, 2016, conforms to the B-2 Zoning.

On the evening of July 12, 2016, a Public Hearing was held before the Plan Commission regarding a proposed request for other Conditional Uses which were considered by the Plan Commission under the B-2 Zoning. The identified potential conditional uses include **Conditional uses:** Commercial recreation facilities, Clubs of noncommercial nature; **Ancillary Uses:** sports leagues and tournaments, weekend and afterschool activities and clubs (basketball, swimming, soccer, ping pong, chess, etc.), birthday parties and other celebrations centered on use of gym, pool, and sports fields, ACT/SAT and other educational courses and instruction, fitness, yoga, dance, music, and theatre classes and instruction, sale of pre-packaged snacks and foods, community celebrations and events. The conditional and ancillary uses were considered and approved after a Public Hearing was held.

“Unfortunately, there was some misinformation which was spread throughout the community by individuals from outside the community that was incorrect prior to this public hearing,” stated Mayor John Hohenfeldt. “The Commission and applicant set the record straight, listened to the ownerships proposal, listened to input from the public through the Public Hearing process, thus allowing the Plan Commission to make their decision.”

After the close of the Public Hearing, The Plan Commission voted in favor of the proposed conditional and ancillary uses as proposed with proper occupancy limits for these types' events. The facility will be operated under the name Youth-In-Motion and is targeting a mid-September opening date.

The City of Cudahy will continue to keep our residents informed about any further developments and grand opening of the facility.

Mayor John Hohenfeldt
City of Cudahy

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